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SUBJ: CCD: SOVIET NON-PAPER REPLYING TO US PROPOSED AGENDA FOR US-

SOVIET CW BILATERALS

REF: A. GENEVA 1268, B. GENEVA 1370

1. FOLLOWING CCD INFORMAL SESSION AFTERNOON MARCH 1, SOVIET AMB LIKHATCHEV AND HIS DEPUTY NAZARKIN HANDED USREP AND ALTERNATE REP SOVIET "NON-PAPER" RESPONDING TO US PAPER PROVIDED THEM HERE ON FEB 21 (REFTEL A). LIKHATCHEV EXPLAINED SIMULTANEOUS APPROACH WAS ALSO BEING MADE BY SOVIET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMB DOBRYNIN TO SECY VANCE. HE ADDED THAT SOVIETS WERE PREPARED HAVE BILATERALS TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA, WASHINGTON OR MOSCOW, BUT INTIMATED IT SEEMED MORE PRACTICAL HAVE SUCH BILATERALS WITH EXPERTS IN GENEVA, AS A PART OF EXPERTS' MEETINGS DURING PERIOD MARCH 28 - APRIL 7, RESENTLY AGREED BY CCD FOR ITS WORK PROGRAM (REF B), WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON OR MOSCOW

AS NECESSARY. LIKHATCHEV DREW ATTENTION TO SOVIET FORMULATION THAT THESE MEETINGS WOUD BE BI-LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO CONSIDER JOINT INITIATIVE IN CCD, TO DEVELOP PRINCIPLES WHICH COLD SERVE AS BASIS FOR CCD NEGOTIATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1974 SUMMIT MEETING AGREEMENT.

2. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT:

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IN RESPONSE TO THE US SIDE'S CONSIDERATIONS, COMMUNICATED TO US ON 21 FEB, WITH REGARD TO THE PREPARATION OF A JOINT SOVIET-US INITIATIVE CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS, I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING:

THE SPECIFIC DATE, INDICATED BY THE US SIDE, FOR
THE BILATERAL SOVIET-US NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROHIBITION
OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS IS ACCEPTABLE TO US. AS TO THE AGENDA,
PROPOSED BY THE US SIDE, OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE SUMMIT MEETING IN 1974
THE OBJECTIVE OF THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IS TO CONSIDER
"A JOINT INITIATIVE IN THE CCD TO ACHIEVE, AS A FIRST STEP,
AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DEALING WITH THE MOST
DANGEROUS, LETHAL MEANS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE". CERTAINLY,
IN THE COURSE OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS EACH SIDE, PROCEEDING
FROM THIS OBJECTIVE AGREED UPON BY BOTH SIDES, MAY RAISE
ANY QUESTIONS.
END TEXT

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON VIEWS ON SOVIET TEXT, FOR DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET DEL, AND INDICATION WHETHER PREFERENCE IS TO HAVE THESE MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS IN GENEVA, AS ORIGINALLY PRESUMED, OR ON OTHER BASIS. SOV DEL IS CLEARLY FLEXIBLE ON THIS LAST POINT, BUT SEEMS TO PREFER INTIIAL DISCUSSIONS HERE IN GENEVA. CATTO

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